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SKINNER

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FOR: POLYISOCYANTE COMPOSITIONS FOR FAST CURE

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, please amend the
above-identified patent in the manner set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition comprising a titanium complex comprising titanium and an acetoacetate ester in which the molar ratio of Ti to acetoacetate ester is in the range 1:2 to 1:8 and said acetoacetate ester is an ester of an alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

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23. (Amended) A method comprising using a Titanium complex as defined in claim 1 for accelerating the binding of lignocellulosic materials.

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Please add the following new claim:

24. (New) A process for accelerating the binding of lignocellulosic material comprising:

B3 a) contacting lignocellulosic material with a titanium complex comprising titanium and an acetoacetate ester in which the molar ratio of Ti to acetoacetate ester is in the range 1:2 to 1:8 and said acetoacetate ester is an ester of an alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and

b) subsequently allowing said material to bind.